

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the section beginning at page 10, line 24 to page 11, line 3, with the following redlined section:

The signal envelope generation module 12 receives the input audio signal  $x[n]$  and determines the envelope thereof by low pass filtering an absolute value version of the input signal. The signal envelope generation module 12 then determines P equidistant points W on the envelope and determines a spline interpolation of the envelope based on those P points. The ~~single-signal~~ envelope generation module 12 also computes the scale factor  $\alpha$ , and the determined envelope parameters, including points W, are quantized and transmitted, along with the scale factor  $\alpha$ , via multiplexer 20. This information, together with the N quantized values of set V transmitted through the sinusoidal components block 16, is used by the decoder (shown in Figure 9) to reconstruct the transient audio signal.